

By Divine Providence, XVI. Pope (of that name) relative to refraining from traffic in Blacks. Rome: printed at the Urban College

GREGORY XVI. OF THE POPES OF THAT NAME.  
For the further remembrance of the case,

Placed at the supreme head of the Apostolate, and although with no merits of our own contributing thereto, acting as vicegerent of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who in consequence of his very great love for us, having been made man, deigned to die also for the redemption of the world, we think it falls within the sphere of our pastoral care, that we strive by every means in our power to turn away the faithful from the inhuman traffic in blacks, or in any class of men whatsoever. It is true when the light of the gospel began first to be diffused, those wretched beings who at that time were falling in so great numbers into the cruellest servitude by reason especially of wars then prevailing, felt their condition to be most alleviated with Christian masters. For, inspired by the Holy Spirit the Apostles taught slaves themselves on the one hand to obey their masters in the flesh as they would Christ; and to do the will of God from the heart; while on the other hand they directed masters to treat their slaves kindly, and to render unto them whatsoever is just and fair, and also to forego any threats, well knowing that the Lord of these, as well as of themselves is in the heavens, and that there is with him no respect of persons (1). Since, however, true love towards all was most strongly recommended everywhere by the law of the Gospel, and since Christ our Lord had declared that he would consider as done, or refused unto himself, whatever of kindness and compassion should have been extended or refused to the lowly and the needy (2), it easily resulted therefrom that Christians not only regard their slaves, especially if Christians, in the light of brothers (3), but were also more ready to bestow freedom on those who might deserve it, which Gregory of Nyssa shows was a custom to be done on the celebration in particular of the Paschal Rites (4). Nor were there wanting those who, animated by a still more ardent love for their species, consigned themselves to bondage in order to free others therefrom, many of whom that Apostolic Man and also predecessor of ours, of most holy memory, Clement I., testifies that he was acquainted with (5). In process of time, therefore, now that the darkness of heathen superstition has been more fully dissipated, and when the manners of less civilized communities also have been softened down by the gentle influence of faith working through Love, things have come at length to such a pass, that for many ages back no persons have been held in slavery among many nations of Christians. There were, it is true, from time to time, we say it to our very great sorrow, some of the very number of the Faithful, who, shamefully blinded by the desire of filthy lucre, did not hesitate to reduce to slavery, in widely separated and remote Lands, Indians, Blacks, or other wretched individuals, or else by establishing and gradually enlarging a traffic in those who have been made captives by others to countenance the shameful conduct of these last. Many Roman Pontiffs, it is true, of glorious memory, predecessors of ours, did not fail, in accordance with their high office, to censure severely the practices of those men, as injurious to their spiritual safety, and disgraceful to the Christian name; and from which also, they clearly saw that this result would follow, that unbelieving nations should be more and more confirmed in their hatred towards our true Religion. The Apostolic Letter of Paul III., given May 29, 1537, under the Fisherman's seal (St. Peter's) to the Cardinal Archbishop of Toledo, has the same object in view; as well as others in succession, still fuller than the same one given by Urban VIII., on the 22d of April, 1639, to the "collector-jurian" of the Apostolic Churches in Portugal; in which letters those individuals are very severely censured by name who dared or presumed to reduce to slavery, to sell to buy, to exchange, or to give away the Indians of the East, or West, to separate them from their wives and children, to deprive them of their property, to lead and send them away to other places, or in any way to deprive them of freedom, to retain them in servitude, and also to afford to those pursuing the aforesaid line of conduct advice, aid, favor, and assistance, under any pretext or color whatsoever, or to preach or teach that this was lawful, or to aid in any other way whatever the practices above alluded to (6). Those decrees of the Pontiffs just mentioned, Benedict XIV. subsequently established and renewed by a new Apostolic Letter to the clergy of Brazil, and to certain other regions, given on the 20th day of December, 1741, in which he strove to arouse the anxious feeling of the Priests themselves towards this same end (7). Before this also, another predecessor of ours still earlier than these, Pius II. on the Empire of the Portuguese being extended in his time to Guinea, a country of the blacks, gave on the 7th of October, 1462, a letter addressed to the Bishop of Rubi, who was about to set out for those parts, in which he not only bestowed upon that Prelate full powers for exercising his sacred functions therein, with greater advantage, but availingly himself of the same opportunity, animadverted severely upon those Christians, who were accustomed to drag the Neophytes into slavery. (8) And

(1) Epist. to Ephesians 6: 5, seqq. Epist. to Colossians 3: 22 seq. 4: 1.

(2) Mat. 25: 35 seqq.

(3) Lactantius Div. Instit. Lib. iv. c. 16. Tom. iv. of the Bib. Vet. Pat. edited by Galland, and published at Venice, page 318.

(4) De Res. Bon. Orat. iii. vol. iii. page 420. Works edit. Paris, 1638.

(5) Epist. to Corinth, i. ch. 55, vol. i. Bibl. Gall. p. 35.

(6) In the collection of Roman Bulls printed by Layard, vol. vi. part 2, Const. 604, page 183.

(7) In the collection of Bulls of Benedict XIV. vol. 1, Const. 1, p. 38.

(8) Raynal's Eccles. Annals 1452, 43.

# LIBERTY STANDARD.

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the inhabitants thereof."—Leviticus, 25: 10.

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even in our times, Pius VII., influenced by the same spirit of religion and love, as his predecessors, zealously interposed his official influence with those in power, that the traffic in blacks might at length entirely cease among Christians. These decrees and anxious cares on the part of our predecessors have, with the blessing of God proved of no little avail in protecting the Indians, and others above mentioned, from the cruelty of invaders, and from the cupidity of Christian traders. Not to such an extent, however, that this Holy See can congratulate itself on the full success of its zealous efforts for the accomplishment of this end; seeing that the trade in blacks, though somewhat lessened, is still carried on by numerous Christians.

WE, THEREFORE, desiring to remove so great a disgrace as this from all the borders of Christendom, and the whole subject being maturely weighed (some of Our Venerable brethren, the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, being also admitted to our counsel,) do hereby, treading in the footsteps of our predecessors, by virtue of our Apostolic Authority, admonish and earnestly adjure in the Lord all faithful Christians of every condition, that no one of them DARE for the time to come, to harass unjustly Indians, Blacks, or any other persons of this class, or to despoil them of their property, or to reduce them to slavery, or to lend aid or favor to others while doing such things towards them, or to exercise that inhuman traffic, by means of which the Blacks, as if they were not human beings, but the merest animals, in whatever way reduced to slavery, are without any distinction, in the violation of the laws of justice and humanity, bought, sold, and sometimes condemned to the endurance of the most painful labors, and by which, moreover, through the hope of gain, that originally offered itself to the owners of slaves, by means of this same traffic, discussions, also and perpetual hostilities are as it were continually nurtured in the countries of these unfortunate men.

WE, THEN, by virtue of our Apostolic Authority, censure all the aforesaid practices, as utterly unworthy of the Christian name, and by that same authority, we strictly prohibit and interdict any Ecclesiastic or Layman from presuming to uphold under any pretext or color whatsoever, that same traffic in Blacks, as it were lawful in its nature or otherwise to preach [prædicare] or in any way whatsoever upon or privately to teach [docere] in opposition to these things which we have made the subject of admonition in this our Apostolic Letter.

In order moreover that this same letter [Bull] of Ours may the more easily become known unto all, and that no one may allege an ignorance of it, we decree and command it to be promulgated according to custom by one of our messengers at the gates of the Church of the First of the Apostles [St. Peter's] and of the Apostolic Chancery; as also at those of the Palace on the Monte Citorio, and in the Campo Di Fiore; and copies of the same to be left affixed in those same places.

Given at Rome, at the Church of St. Maria Maggiore, under the Fishermen's Seal, on the 3d day of December, 1839, in the 9th year of our Pontificate.

ALOISE LAMBRUCHINI.  
CARDINAL.

## POLITICAL DUTIES OF CHRISTIANS.

We are not party politicians; and the political bearings of those great moral questions which we frequently consider, we do not regard it as our province to discuss. We leave them to other and more secular journals.

In avoiding party politics, however, we cannot avoid the moral obligation of Christians as members of a political brotherhood—as citizens and voters. We belong to a republican community. God has given us a voice in choosing our own rulers—a privilege which the citizens of few countries beside our own enjoy—and a gift which is by no means without its responsibility. The subjects of a European sovereignty are required to pray for their rulers;—this is their Christian duty, enjoined by Christian authority. God requires of us more than this; we must not only pray for our rulers, but share in the responsibility of their appointment. We

recommend, as he has formerly done, that the present rates of postage be so changed as to correspond with the coins of the U. States.

He also thinks that handbills, prospectus of a newspaper, proof-sheets, prices current, and such kind of printed matter, should be charged no higher than newspapers and pamphlets.

The franking privilege, if not abolished altogether, should in some way be restricted, and its abuse checked.

## OPINIONS RESPECTING ANNEXATION IN TEXAS.

We have received a number of the Houston Citizen by which it appears that the expectations of the people of that country in regard to its annexation to the United States are not quite so great as formerly. The rejection of their proposition once, and the continued prejudice which exists in the minds of the people of the northern, middle, and western States, against the measure, affords them scarcely any ground of hope that it will ever be brought about, or if ever, at no very early period.

The abolitionists, too, the Citizen thinks will never consent to the annexation without the "sacrifice" of an institution which a portion of the Texans consider all important.

"Have our old enemies the abolitionists, says that paper, 'lost any of their inveteracy against us; or is opposition to slavery less a mania with them now than it was in '39?' If so, we have been unable to discover it, and in spite of the effort recently made in this country to excite the sympathy

of the non-slaveholders—spoke

of Cassius M. Clay as the greatest man in Kentucky, and inquired particularly for news from the free states. He said that many of his neighbors thought as he did about slavery,' &c.

Not long since a gentleman in Kentucky made application to us by letter, for a large number of facts for gratuitous distribution in his section, as the people there were anxious to have all the light possible on the subject. Another from that state called at our house the other day, and supplied himself with considerable number of copies of our paper. And still another, of the same state, of most substantial character, requested us to republish in tract form for circulation, the address of president Young of Danville College, Kentucky.

These are all discreet, sober-minded, responsible citizens of Kentucky, deeply interested in its welfare, and fully impressed with the necessity of acting with wisdom and patience. We wish them abundant success in their efforts to diffuse light. Let but our brethren of Kentucky engage heartily in the work of freeing themselves from a curse which is weighing down all their energies, and the work will be well done.

We know enough of Kentuckians to know, that they generally are hostile to slavery; and that even among the slaveholders, are to be found many of its strongest foes. Nothing, it seems to us, but the want of a common understanding among them, upon this subject, prevents them from taking some decisive step in relation to the question.—[Philanthropist.]

## NOTES ON THIS FEDERAL CITY—OFFICE AND PLUNDER.

Editorial Correspondence of the Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 12, 1843.

Viewed from the front of the Capitol, on a warm sunny day, WASHINGTON wins upon the gaze.

Her "magnificent distances" are partly concealed by the height of the houses, when you are neither among nor far above them, while the number and imposing character of the Public Edifices, as compared with the whole number of structures, and the unusual proportion of spacious dwellings to the mean and squalid tenements which are ever so plentiful in a City, combine to secure a favorable impression.

Then the noble plain on which she is situated, rising gently to the North and East, with the lordly Potomac, bounding the City on the West, (where rises imposingly the President's House, a mile and a half distant, at the opposite extreme of Pennsylvania Avenue,) and then widening into a generous bay or estuary on the South, where lies the Navy Yard—with Alexandria just visible in the West-North-West, and Georgetown in the West-South-West, and the vision bounded by the blue hills of Virginia, rising gracefully behind both—all combine to give an aspect of gentle grandeur and beauty to the prospect.

The climate, moreover, is admirable, the atmosphere usually pure and serene; the approaches, both by water and land, faultless. I

cannot doubt that, granting the necessity of building a new City for the Federal Metropolis, the location could not have been more happy.

And yet, each day's reflection more strongly impresses me that Washington, like St. Petersburg, was a "magnificent mistake" on the part of its founders. They chose admirably, but they mistook sadly in choosing at all. In founding Washington, they imposed on the People of the U. States an interminable burthen of millions after millions of dollars, which would have been wholly saved if they had simply marked off a mile square of healthy, commanding ground in the neighborhood of Philadelphia or Baltimore, made that the District of Columbia, erected the National Buildings thereon, and allowed the subordinate officers of the Government, as well as all who had business with them, to accommodate themselves in the adjacent City. With this arrangement the Public Edifices, Offices and Treasures would have been far safer from the attacks of an enemy in war than they now can be, (as the events of the Last War will testify;) living at the Metropolis would have been far cheaper and more comfortable than it now can be; and every one coming there for a term as Secretary, Ambassador, etc. would not be obliged to furnish his house at an exorbitant cost and sell it out for nothing when he left, as is now inevitable.

Yet all this is but a little of the evil. The great

central vice of this location, which over-shadows all others, is the enduring fact that Washington is and must be a City of Office-Holders and Office-Seekers, in which it is every man's business to establish a private grotto-hole into the National Treasury, or retain that he has, and enlarge it to an auger-hole if possible.

To be sure, many live and thrive by catching and uniting at second hand the streams thence flowing—as merchants, hotel-keepers, tailors, milliners, boot-blacks, gamblers, &c.—but this does not touch the heart of the matter; the money they severally pick up has all just come out of the Treasury, or is disbursed by office-seekers on the same principle that water is poured into a pump in the hope of making a great deal more come out. None can live here—not even the Newspapers, of which there are two as able and one as excellent as any in the Country—without frequent and copious drafts from the National Treasury.

The effect of all this on the Public Economy, and the Political Morality of the Country is most pernicious. The personal interest of every man woman and child in the District (from whom proceeds the Public Opinion by which the Members of Congress are surrounded and impressed) demands copious Expenditures from the Treasury, long Sessions of Congress, Extra Sessions if possible, heavy Appropriations, inordinate Salaries, sinecure and useless Offices, a lavish multiplication of Public Documents, frequent Extra Allowances, &c. &c. If there were a great City, strong in its Commerce and Manufactures, so as to create a Tax-paying as well as a Tax-receiving Public Sentiment—if its People were to live otherwise than out of the Treasury—if even its Press were to be thus crippled necessarily—these evils would not be felt, or would be greatly modified.

Now, I am sick at heart when I think how this broad land might have been chequered with Railroads, Canals and River Improvements, bringing Intelligence to every fireside, a market to every door, and relatives now separated for life within easy distance of each other, while the National Treasury has been virtually wasted by misappropriation to subservient personal ends and transient purposes.

And still the mischief goes on, and will go on.

The satellites of Congress are twice as numerous and four times as costly as they ought to be.

The City is a gigantic beggar, for whom the Government is obliged to pave streets,

build bridges, and do every thing.

At this moment a bill is before Congress appropriating money to repair the pavement of Pennsylvania Avenue, on the mile and a half of which the Government has probably spent Half a Million of Dollars already.

So with the Potomac Bridge, which has been built and rebuilt by the government.

The three Cities composing the District undertook to borrow money and help construct the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: the work was stopped unfinished;

the Cities stopped payment on their interest, and Congress had to shoulder it. Alexandria suffered from a fire, and Congress took \$20,000 out of the Treasury for the relief of the sufferers.

So things go, and will go. I blame not those who have made these appropriations, though I think some of them very mistaken; but I deeply regret the fatuity which devised a Political City, and of course a Pauper City, for the Metropolis of the Union.

The situation of the lowest post of Clerks in the Departments and other subordinate Office-holders here is deplorable. No matter what are their respective Salaries, the great mass of them are always behind and getting more so.

When one is dismissed from office, he has no resource, and no opportunity to wait for any man, and considers himself to be ruined.

He usually begs to be reinstated, and his wife writes or goes to the President or Secretary to cry him back into place with an "lower true tale" of a father without hope and children without bread; if repulsed, their prospect is dreary indeed.

Where Office is the sole resource, and its retention dependent on another's

## THE COFFEE-TRADE.

Articles of luxury constitute a large proportion of the materials of Commerce.

We lately saw in a Baltimore paper some curious statistics concerning the Coffee trade.

The number of pounds imported in seven years, ending 1832 was 418,667,681

In 7 years ending 1840 655,116,660

Increase the last 7 years 236,448,979

The exportation was as follows

1826 to 1832 141,836,657

1834 to 1840 96,283,071

Decrease in Exportation 45,283,586

Consumption from

1826 to 1832 276,881,024

1834 to 1840 558,833,589

Increase 282,002,565

The average price per pound during the first seven years was 9 3-10

During the last seven 9 7-10

The following table shows the proportionate increase or decrease during the last seven years in Importation, Exportation, Consumption, and in Population.

Importation, increase 56 47-100

Exportation, decrease 32 12-100

Consumption, increase 101 40-100

Population, increase 32 9-10

From 1826 to 1832, the proportion of Consumption was 3 7-10 lbs. to each person in the country. From 1834 to 1840, 4 7-10 lbs. It will be found, we apprehend, that the use of tea and

interest or caprice, there is no slave so pitiable as the Officer. Of course, where every man's livelihood is dependent on a game of chance and intrigue, outright gambling is frightfully prevalent. This City is full of it in every shape, from the flaunting Lottery Office on every corner, to the secret card-room in every dark recess. Many who come here for office lose their last cent in these dens, and have to borrow the means of getting away. Such is Washington. H. 6.

From the Anti-Slavery Almanac for 1840, prepared by Theodore D. Weld.

#### CLAIMS OF HENRY CLAY.

1. He has been a slave holder for forty years, and now holds sixty persons as property.

3. He was one of the founders, and is now the President of the American Colonization Society, the grand antagonist of abolition.

3. When the bill for the admission of Michigan into the Union was under consideration in the U. S. Senate, Mr. Clay gave a specimen of colonization benevolence towards free colored citizens, by making a motion to deprive them of the right to vote on the question of its acceptance by the people. *See Senate Journal.*

4. His great personal and official influence, when Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, secured the admission of Missouri, into the Union, as a slave State.

5. He gave his casting vote, February 18, 1791, in favor of perpetual slavery in Arkansas, at a time when that territory was almost entirely uninhabited; thus struggling for the widest possible extension of legalised crime.

6. He first proposed the annexation of Texas, by a motion to that effect April 3, 1820.

7. He has earnestly contended against the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, or in any Territory of the United States, and introduced resolutions into the United States Senate, denouncing "interference of the citizens of any of the States, to effect either of these objects. See his resolutions, passed May 10, 1838."

8. He zealously opposed the calling of a convention in Kentucky, a measure without which the abolition of slavery by law, cannot take place in that State. George W. Weisenger, who is associate editor of the Louisville Journal, the leading Clay paper at the West, in a letter dated July 6, 1838, says: "It is well known here that Mr. Clay is warmly opposed to a convention. While the Convention law was under discussion, letters were received from him, remonstrating against the passage of the law."

9. February 7, 1838, he made his "great speech for—Southern votes, in which he said: 'The liberty of the descendants of Africa in the United States, is incompatible with the liberty of the European descendants.'

From the Bangor Gazette.

#### LIBERTY PARTY PAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The list of the Liberty party papers in the United States is already quite respectable, and is constantly increasing. We believe there are several new ones which are not among our exchanges, but give below the names of those we receive.

FREE LABOR ADVOCATE, New Haven, Indiana. A weekly paper, filled with substantial matter.

WESTERN CITIZEN, Chicago, Illinois. An excellent weekly. Has done much within the past two years to spread Antislavery information in that state.

SIGNAL OF LIBERTY, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Weekly. Well conducted, and we have no doubt well sustained.

CINCINNATI HERALD, Cincinnati, Ohio. Daily and weekly. Formerly Philanthropist. Liberty and business paper. Conducted with as much talents as any other paper in the country. It is doing great good in Ohio.

SPRIT OF LIBERTY, Pittsburgh Pa. Weekly. One of our best papers. Has always been edited with much ability.

COUNTRYMAN, Perry, N. Y. a small weekly sheet filled with Anti-slavery matter.

LIBERTY PRESS, Utica N. Y. Weekly. Very ably conducted. Its editors and contributors are second to those of no paper in the United States.

ALBANY PATRIOT, Albany N. Y. Weekly. A most able paper. It is under the control of C. T. Torrey. No editor wields a keener pen.

VOICE OF FREEDOM, Brandon, Vt. Weekly. A very good paper.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, Hanover, N. H. Weekly. An excellent paper. Edited with a great deal of talent.

ESSEX TRANSCRIPT, Amesbury and Salesbury, Mass. Weekly. A Liberty and business paper. Aby edited.

THE EMANCIPATOR, Boston. Weekly. No paper in the U. S. is conducted with more ability. It was the first Liberty party paper established in the country, and its influence has been felt from one end of the union to the other.

CHRISTIAN FREEMAN, Hartford, Ct. Weekly. Very ably edited. It ranks among the first anti-slavery papers of the land.

LIBERTY STANDARD, Hallowell, Me. Weekly. This paper is also very ably edited. It was the first Liberty party paper in this state, and since its establishment has been a very efficient Antislavery paper.

BANGOR GAZETTE, This daily & weekly paper which we add to the list, is edited with much ability, and is doing the cause an important service.

The following are added by others:

THE AURORA, published at New Lisbon, Ohio, and edited by J. Frost. We need not say anything more, where Frost is known, than that it is edited by him—of course, ably.

CLARION OF FREEDOM, Indiana, Pa. Edited by J. Morehead, Esq. This is also ably conducted, by an old and experienced enemy of those abominations, freemasonry and slavery.

THE OBERLIN EVANGELIST, Oberlin, Ohio. Published by R. E. Gillett. It is devoted to the publication of religious articles, principally, but contains much excellent original Antislavery matter—and goes for Liberty.

DON'T JOKE WITH ELEPHANTS.—At a fair at Barnsley, a country bumpkin went to look at Hilton's collection of wild beasts. On entering the place he began to tease him by giving the elephant gingerbread and fruit; but soon growing tired of that, he thought he would try what a joke would do, and accordingly he pricked the elephant's trunk with a penknife. No sooner was this done, than out of his den rushed the animal amongst the visitors, forcing the chain and the large post to which he had been fastened along with him. The elephant caught the delinquent by the collar, and threw him with great force on the ground. Up he got again quickly, and made his escape outside; but the elephant struck the temporary ceiling which the man had just raised, with such force as to shiver it to pieces. The scene at the moment was truly ludicrous: men, women and children were laid in all directions. Fortunately no one was hurt, except the elephant pricker, who complained of his collar-bone, but who may thank the man that he did not lose his life.—[Leeds Intelligencer.]

PRETTY GOOD. Frederick Douglass, the famous fugitive from slavery, who is said by the eastern papers generally to be a powerful speaker, lately addressed the good people of Loydville, in this State. He soon obtained the command of their feelings, and set them to laughing or weeping at will. To illustrate the effect of his eloquence, a friend tells us a good story. Douglass happened to say, that he was only half black—whereupon, an Irishman who had been much excited by his appeals, exclaimed: "Patrick! If that man is only half a nigger, what would a whole one be?" [Cincinnati Herald.]

APPEARANCES.—It is a remarkable fact that every animal when dressed in human apparel, resembles mankind very strikingly in features.

Put a frock, bonnet, and spectacles on a pig, and it looks like an old woman of fifty. A bull dressed in an overcoat, would resemble a lawyer.

Tie a few ribbons round a cat, put a fan in his paw, and a boarding Miss is represented. A cockerel in a tiger call to mind those of a sailor. A hedgehog looks like a miser. Dress a monkey in a frock coat, cut off his tail, trim his whiskers, and we have a Broadway dandy. Jackasses resemble a good many people.

#### LIBERTY STANDARD.

HALLOWELL, JAN. 4, 1844.

"There is but one proper and effectual mode by which it (the abolition of slavery) can be accomplished, and that is by the legislative authority; and this, so far as my suffrage will go, shall not be wanting.—George Washington.

LIBERTY TICKET,  
Nominated by the National Convention, May 13, 1841.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
JAMES G. BIRNEY,

Of Michigan.

"Our own slave states, and especially the more southern of them, in which the number of slaves is greater, and in which, of course the sentiment of injustice is stronger than in the more northern ones, are to be placed on the list of decaying communities."

"The question now for the North finally to decide is—shall the slave states draw us down with them and both perish, or shall we, by decided conjunct exertion of virtuous energy, save ourselves and them from destruction."—James G. Birney.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
THOMAS MORRIS.

Of Ohio.

"I rejoice that the abolition of slavery throughout the civilized world is no longer problematical; it seems to be almost universally conceded that this stupendous fraud upon a portion of the human race is fast drawing to a close, and the great question with us is truly what measures are best suited to accomplish this desirable end in the United States."

"Political action is necessary to produce moral reformation in a nation; and that action with us can only be effectually exercised through the ballot box. And surely the ballot box can never be used for a more noble purpose than to restore and secure to every man his inalienable rights."—Thomas Morris.

Democratic Candidate for President,  
MARTIN VAN BUREN.

"I must go into the Presidential chair, the inflexible and uncompromising opponent of every attempt on the part of Congress to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, against the wishes of the slaveholding states, and also with a determination equally decided to resist the slightest interference with it in the states where it exists."

"It now only remains to add, that no bill conflicting with these views can ever receive my constitutional sanction." Mr. Van Buren's Inaugural Address, March 4th, 1837.

Whig Candidate for President.

HENRY CLAY.

"I know there is a visionary dogma which holds that negro slaves cannot be the subjects of property. I shall not dwell long upon this speculative abstraction. That is property which the law declares to be property. Two hundred years have sanctioned and sanctified negro slaves as property."

"If I had been a citizen of Pennsylvania when Frank's plan of gradual emancipation was adopted, I should have voted for it; because, by no possibility could the black race ever gain ascendancy in the State. But if I had been then, or were now a citizen of any of the planting States—the southern or south western States—I should have opposed, and would continue to oppose any scheme whatever of emancipation, gradual or immediate."

"It is not true, and I rejoice that it is not true, that either of the two great parties in this country has any design or aim at abolition. I should deeply lament if it were true."—Mr. Clay's speech in the Senate of the United States, February 7th, 1839.

PROPOSALS.

Congress is soon to commence its session, which will no doubt be long. Many important subjects will come up, especially in relation to the Great Question of Liberty. The 50,000 or 55,000 liberty votes of this year have given our cause an importance which will be felt at Washington, and able reporters, unawed by the slave power, are expected to watch the developments there.

The great Presidential election is also approaching, and every thing in the political department has a direct reference to that.

Every liberty man, and his neighbors, should become correctly and thoroughly informed on these subjects, and we intend the Liberty Standard shall contain such information. Our state legislature will also hold its session.

We will send the paper to new subscribers, beginning with the session of congress,

15 weeks for 50 cents.

30 weeks for \$1.00

52 weeks for \$1.60.

Will abolitionists in every town now take hold and send us 1000 new subscribers on the above terms? Pay always in advance. No time is to be lost.

The Great Anti-Slavery Week.

The second week in January cannot be looked forward to without the deepest interest by every friend of the anti-slavery cause in Maine. First in order is the

GREAT RELIGIOUS CONVENTION.

This is to be composed of different denominations, free, kind, earnest. It is truly encouraging to see the favor with which this proposition is regarded. Will not multitudes who have not heretofore been active in the cause of the enslaved, now unite with their brethren in devising and executing measures of high moral and religious obligation connected with it? Hundreds have long desired just such an occasion, and we would urge most earnestly a general attendance. Don't regard the sacrifice for such an object. Then comes the

CLAIMS OF MARTIN VAN BUREN.

1. During the session of congress, 1835-6, he gave his casting vote in the United States Senate, in favor of a Bill prohibiting postmasters from delivering "any pamphlet, newspaper, handbill, or other printed paper or pictorial representation, touching the subject of slavery in any state, in which their circulation is prohibited by law."

The object of this bill, says Judge Jay, "was to build around the slave states, a rampart against the assaults of light and truth." It involved a surrender, by the general government, of the freedom of the press; as a precedent, prepared the way for the destruction of civil and religious liberty, and constituted every postmaster in slave states a mail robber.

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